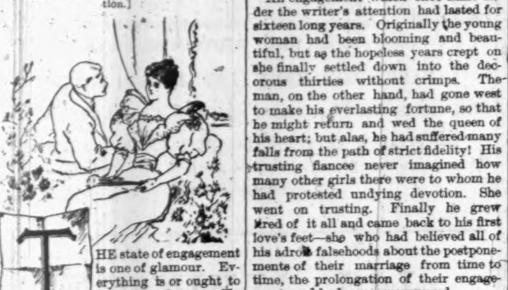
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waning, for nothing is so damaging to a LONG ENGAGEMENTS

THE DECIDED DISADVANTAGES OF A PROLONGED COURTSHIP.

Cynthia Mariowe Tells Why a Long Engage | this has taken flight she is but a remnant ent Is a Drawback to Any Woman-It. of her former self, like a balloon with-



be couleur de rose. Up ment, and had never murmured.

to the period when the They were married, prosaically enough, est inevitable quarrel or difference of but what were their chances of happiopinion occurs-and these only spice the ness? She had waited year after year, new life of anticipated partnership with until the light of hope had almost died variety-the engaged ones drift together from her eyes, always believing that he over a summer sea of poetry, laughter would be loyal and true. Denying herand song. There never were such eyes self to all other claimants she had lived or hands or lips as they discover in each on in solitude, a life which is but anticither, such loving, trusting hearts,
This is all very pretty and quite as it the separated wife, but far more inse-

should be, and the best of it is that cure and dependent, until she had beyouth does not monopolize the situation. come an object of conjecture, wonder-Every engagement, founded on the right ment, sometimes pity. Then, at last, basis of mutual preference, respect and when marriage actually came to end her sympathy, exhibits this charming, rose long vigil, those old dreams of her heart icture to the world, and the world | had fled. New duties were burdensome; mankind does most distinctly dote upon whims was a bore. She had grown fas-lovers. That is why novels are fead tidious about many things. Trifles worwith such continual avidity, why plays ried and irritated her. She was now too never tire of interest, and why the ra- old; they had been separated too long to conteur when he tells a love story is al- adapt themselves to each other's ways. times seen in the marriages of younger

although with persons of people of contrasting disposition was neld in abeyance, and, by the way, when evitab ensitive natures cannot grovel with all wrong; that, being only a period of lightly and grace—they are perhaps the trial, no censures should attach to either tful compensations of married life. good and sufficient cause. Nor, on the burned soup, leaky lightly-that's where the censure lies. trained servants. They calmly rise play such absolute irresponsibility by enabove these scourgings of the flesh, and tering frivolously into an arrangement from the serene heights of philosophy | which they never intend to consider segaze upon the scrambles of their fellow riously, and which they break at the earopes a semblance of tragedy. The rol unawares a heart has become entangled ber, more's the pity, and the disillusion-ized ones are named legion. The engagement where love exists only on one side is an interesting study. These

Properly speaking, the engagement is are often arranged by the advice of mumerely the interval of preparation be tual friends for pecuniary reasons or for fore marriage—the definite opportunity some good social cause. Suppose, for to provide wedding garments, to settle instance, that love is on the man's side siness plans, to decide upon the de- only, the girl not possessing dislike, but tails of a life together. Ordinarily a honest respect, and perhaps kindly reear, or, at furthest, two, are deemed gard, she being merely acquiescent. The ther "a laggard in love and a dastard | fully respond, and she rebels against this

spirit. Socially she is ostracized, in a pugnance exists it grows and grows un-measure, from the companionship of all til her former indifference has developed other men-a being set apart, marked into active hatred, and no course is left and labeled - yet debarred, by iron to her save to break the engagement as ntunacy with the one to whom she is She longs for release. She looks forpromised which her peculiar position, ward to marriage with dread and disas well as her affectionate and sympatrust of herself. Tragic thoughts assail thetic nature, prompts. Necessarily as her. She is willing to do anything to be the years go by she must feel herself free—to work, to suffer—only to be refancied, and which her more fortunate grown so galling. All men are not gen-sisters, who are married and settled, are erous, nor do they all so readily relineither quailing before or facing with a quish the prizes they have held in hand brave, tranquil and wifely front. The life and sale assume gagement. Much is involved. Perhaps this front. Her life and fate are too dis-

This state of uncertainty is perhaps | the plans and bids for a house have been gagement. It produces a wavering and in the engraver's hands—but no matter; ng condition of mind which is it must be broken at any hazard. always deplorable. Two people are Again, supposing that it is the man bound together by strong bonds; but, unlike the vows of marriage, they are en- take. He has discovered that the woman Either one can break is inordinately jealous or vain or irre wise—so that being set apart and considered engaged, yet haunted by the fear that wife—and he desires to part with her. at any time the fancy for another face | She, being in love, and perhaps the may mar each other's happiness, cannot stronger nature of the two, exhibits her be regarded as a tranquil plight. Quite the reverse. This difficulty, moreover, is heightened when separation is neces-

favorable circumstance, with everything startling tragedies that fill our newspaassured, can represent complete tran-quillity. It is after all but a period of in the breaking off of an utterly unconon. There is always | genial engage the lurking dread that some unforeseen misspent. Hence I say the code of fate may intervene to snatch away the beloved object and render life desolate forever afterward, but this sense of insecurity is peculiar to every sort of love.

The long engaged girl soon becomes laws can never be laid down for the the target of endless surmise from solic- guidance and protection of the uninitiitous relatives and friends. As the seasons change and spring and fall marrying times come around they bother themselves continually with the question, ments precede the calmest and smooth-"When will the wedding take place?" est of married lives. This becomes exceedingly annoying. She | Many honorable men, when their invents plausible excuses for the appar-ently needless delay. She shields her the object of their preference until their lover's tardiness in naming the day and stands forth as a monument of icy reluc-tance. This is a tax upon her resources, but she is powerlars. She is a woman

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out ballast or a ship without provision.

She hates herself. The idea of marriage

after so tiresome an experience bores her.

der the writer's attention had lasted for

tiful, but as the hopeless years crept on

man, on the other hand, had gone west

to make his everlasting fortune, so that

e might return and wed the queen of

many other girls there were to whom he

went on trusting. Finally he grew

Fred of it all and came back to his first

love's feet-she who had believed all of

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"visible income" is entirely assured, and therefore retire from the field unconfessed, letting concealment prey upor their noble natures. It is questionable whether such a proceeding is just and woman's looks as anxiety, and this the long engagement undoubtedly begets. fair toward the object inspiring such regard. A woman is left in doubt thereby. She, keenly intuitive, has long since diwords have not been spoken. And it is because he could not say, "Will you marry me?" after "I love you" that his lips have been sealed. So he rides away, and he lingers long. She ponders over his strange silence, and the thought of his absence sinks deep into her heart. All other men become as dust. Only the absent one, who has never spoken, who sixteen long years. Originally the young woman had been blooming and beaumay never speak, but whom she fervently hopes will speak some day, can win her heart's constancy and devotion. But she finally settled down into the dec-orous thirties without crimps. Thethis is an everyday story and requires no telling. Years are never reckoned in In my opinion, although opposed to long engagements, the duration thereof

his heart; but alas, he had suffered many falls from the path of strict fidelity! His has very little to do with the question presented. The longer an engagement trusting fiancee never imagined how is the greater is the tax upon the young woman's temper, so that frequently when the marriage takes place after had protested undying devotion. She such a delay her disposition is quite per verted. But the fact remains that if it is of such quality as to have its standard it possibly stand the wear and tear of married life? If the girl has the tact, of equanimity thus lowered, how could force, adaptability, to rise and meet and anticipate her, husband's requirements with sweet, womanly grace, she will make a good wife, depend upon it, no mat-ter whether engaged for one short, rosy month—when she lives in the poetry and dines on the honey of love in life with all the glory of youth enveloping heror whether she waits twenty long, trustful years while her lover builds up a fluence she has enjoyed in the maternal

of their lives by binding a woman to must tell it, and having told it he must get an affirmative answer to amount to anything as a breadwinner, and having gained her consent he must hold her by poacher will come trespassing upon his honor upon the engagement question is less.

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flances who regard the fair object idolthe convenience of impecunious suitors, an accepted lover; but, believe me, there | field took the helm and became editor is a manifest drawback to any woman, is nothing so repugnant to the feelings and manager. The paper prospered as more especially so to one of a lively, of a woman not in love. Where this reand penmanship school with her usual age and in the prime of life, this brilliant woman is considered one of the hand-somest women in Providence. Her beautiful, stately figure is seen at many of just outside of the happiness she has leased from those bonds which have the swell affairs both in Newport and

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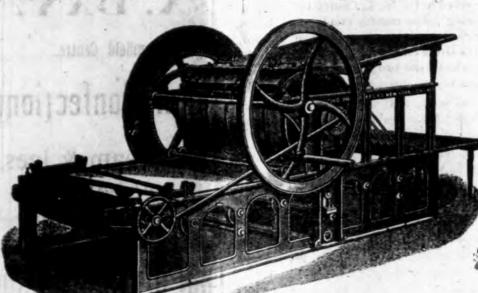
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The second were the abo the Indians -almost forgott of the East, but who yet ba tive claim, They are not or becoming extinct, as the many now as when Columbus first discovered nent. Moved here and one reservation to anothacross the borders, and il. they had been, yet there w

The saddest and the l in history was the record ment of them. No redisgraceful as that of with them, So different treatment by the Const have had no trouble with we have had plenty of i a long, dark and black politics had come in made were not kept sact

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people of the South, of

in the greatest ignoran-

ly knew by what name

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